



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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### Rights Respecting Schools

Article 15 (freedom of association)

"Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights."

In school we offer a wide range of Clubs and Associations which our pupils are free to join, these include School Council, RRSA Steering Group, After School Clubs etc

### Diary Dates & Reminders

- ✓ **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Safer Internet Day.
- ✓ **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – NO Teacher led after school clubs due to staff development.
- ✓ **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – School stops for Half Term (usual school day).  
School is CLOSED from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> inclusive.
- ✓ **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Go Global Go Green Day & Coffee Morning.
- ✓ **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** – school reopens at the usual times.
- ✓ **Mon 19<sup>th</sup>, Tues 20<sup>th</sup> & Wed 21<sup>st</sup>** – Parent Teacher Consultations.

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**Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together**

## Half -Term Break!

It is hard to believe that the February Half Term is almost upon us. As a reminder, school will be CLOSED the week beginning **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February and reopen on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.**

## AQE & GL Assessment Results

The long wait for AQE & GL Assessment results is now finally over! We achieved an excellent set of results this year which is testament to the hard work of teachers and pupils alike. It was a pleasure meeting the parents of our P7 pupils this week to complete the Post Primary Transfer Forms- thank you all for your kind and supportive comments about the work and life of our school.

## Parent Teacher Consultations P1-6

Our Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.** **ALL CHILDREN WILL GO HOME AT THE EARLIER TIME OF 12.30 PM (LUNCHES WILL STILL BE SERVED).** By now, you should have received an allocated date and time for your consultation. We appreciate and encourage the attendance of all our parents and carers at these important interviews. These interviews are for pupils from P1-6.

## Clubs Update...

Due to staff development, there will be NO TEACHER LED CLUBS on **TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY.** Please make sure that you make arrangement to collect your child or alternatively the 2.00 – 4.00 pm Club with Gillian and Corinna is still available.

## Collecting Children during the school day

Occasionally, parents request to collect their children early during the school day e.g. medical appointment. If this is the case, you must write a letter to the class teacher informing them of the **time of collection and the reason.**

**FOR SAFETY CONCERNS ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED FROM RECEPTION** – we will not allow children to walk unaccompanied to meet you in the carpark or outside the school gates.

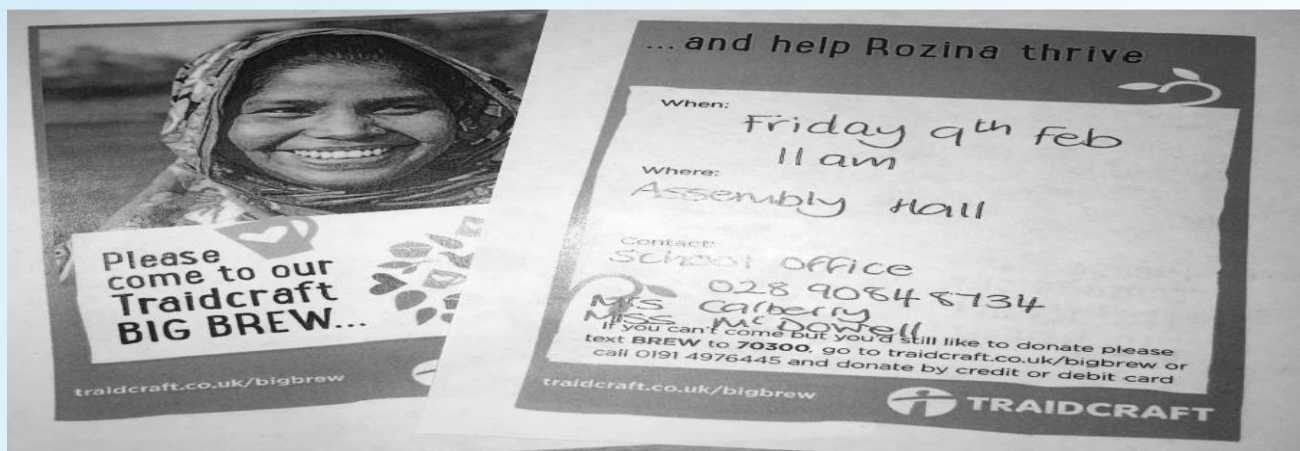


## Safer Internet Day...

On **TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY** we will be marking Safer Internet Day in school – I have attached some tips and hints about keeping safe online. Mrs Flaherty will hold two special Assemblies in school (upper and lower school) to raise awareness of internet safety. **Primary 7 parents may attend the Assembly, 9.15 am.**

## Go Global, Go Green Day

As per our Newsletter last week, we are holding a Go Global Go Green Day on **FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY** (apologies for the incorrect date last week). Miss McDowell is organising a special **Coffee Morning, 11.00 am.**



## Shared Education

Yesterday, some Primary 5 pupils from Ashgrove visited St Michael's Primary and a group of St Michael's P5 visited us here in Ashgrove. The children spent a day getting to know each other and have already fostered budding friendships.

Throughout this year, both Primary 3's, 5's & 7's will all meet up for a total of 6 planned sessions each. The meetings will primarily focus on sharing effective teaching and learning between the two schools.

## SchoolMoney...

Thank you those parents who have given us positive feedback on our new school payment system – SchoolMoney. This allows parents to login to their profile and pay for school items online, school notes and information will also be available on your profile.

We strongly encourage parents and carers to use this online system to pay for school items.



# Safer Internet Tips for Parents, 0-5 yrs

## Online safety tips for parents of pre-school children 0-5 Year Olds

### Checklist

**Put yourself in control**

Make use of the parental controls available on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting [internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org).

**Search safely**

Use safe search engines such as [swiggle.org.uk](http://swiggle.org.uk) or [kids-search.com](http://kids-search.com). Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube. You can find out more at [google.co.uk/safetycentre](http://google.co.uk/safetycentre).

**Set boundaries**

It's never too early to start setting rules about when and for how long your child can use devices and start to introduce the subject of internet safety at the same time. Encourage children to use devices in a communal area, keep other devices out of reach and use passwords so they can't go online without asking you first.

Pre-school children are online for an average of 71 minutes a day\*

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Over half of 3-4 year olds use tablets\*

**Explore together**

Set your homepage to a child-friendly site such as CBeebies and give them a user account which only allows access to sites and apps you've chosen.

**Help them learn through games**

Games are a great way for young children to explore the internet and learn about the world around them. You can choose safe, fun and educational games free of charge from providers such as Fisher Price or about their favourite characters like Peppa Pig.

Children can now have a digital footprint before they learn to speak and often before they're even born.

Internet Matters is a free online resource for every parent in the UK. We'll show you the best ways to protect your children online as they grow up - with information, advice and support on all the big e-safety issues.

[internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org)

\*Source: Ofcom Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2016



## Safer Internet Tips for Parents, 6-10 yrs

# Online safety tips for parents of primary school children 6-10 Year Olds

### Checklist

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**Search safely**

Use safe search engines such as [swiggle.org.uk](http://swiggle.org.uk) or [kids-search.com](http://kids-search.com). Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube. You can find out more at [google.co.uk/safetycentre](http://google.co.uk/safetycentre).

**Agree boundaries**

Be clear what your child can and can't do online - where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

**Explore together**

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about it. Encourage them to use devices in communal areas so you can see what sites they're visiting and share with them.

**Check if it's suitable**

The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram.

Over 65 % of parents are most concerned about their 6-10 viewing inappropriate content online\*



Know this stuff matters, but don't know where to turn?

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**internet  
matters.org**



# Safer Internet Tips for Parents, 6-10 yrs

## Online safety tips for parents of 11-13 Year Olds

### Checklist

- Put yourself in control**  
Make use of the parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices, including your child's mobile phone. You can find out how at your broadband or mobile network provider's website. Find out how to setup safe search in Google by going to [google.co.uk/safetycentre](http://google.co.uk/safetycentre).
- Agree boundaries**  
Have a family agreement about where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share.
- Have a conversation**  
The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about what they do and what sites they like to visit. Discuss with them what they might come across.

62% of 11 year-olds  
and 69% of 12 year  
olds have a Facebook  
profile despite the  
minimum age of 13

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- Check if it's suitable**  
The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram.
- Get them clued up about social networking**  
Talk to children about the benefits and risks of social networking before they join any sites. Let them know that anything they upload, email or message could stay around forever online.  
  
Help them to be critical of things they see online and judge the quality and reliability of online sources.

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## School Dinner Menu, £2.60 per day

Vegetarian Options are available

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Sausages, Beans, Chips, Mashed Potatoes & Tomatoes Sauce

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Yoghurt & Fruit

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Savoury Mince, Sweetcorn, & Mashed Potatoes or Pizza, Sweetcorn & Salad

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Flake meal Biscuit & Milkshake

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Roast Chicken, Diced Cabbage, Oven Roast & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

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Rice Pudding & Fruit

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice, Naan Bread & Carrot Sticks

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Canadian Tart & Custard

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Pasta Bolognese, Cheese & Crusty Bread **OR** Fish Fingers, Peas & Mashed Potatoes

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Pear & Chocolate Favoured Sponge & Custard

### HEALTHY BREAK

P1-4, 30p per day

Tuesday: Toast, Red Apple & Cucumber

Friday: Crusty Bread, Orange & Pepper

## Safeguarding & Child Protection reminders

Safeguarding and Child Protection is very important to us in Ashgrove Primary. As such I would like to remind parents about how to report any Safeguarding concerns you may have...

1. If you have any worries or concerns about the welfare of Safeguarding of any child in our school you can report your concern to the class teacher.
2. If you are still concerned speak with Mrs Luney (Designated Teacher for Child Protection). If she is not available speak with Miss McLaughlin (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection).
3. If you are still concerned you can write to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors- Mr Gerard McIlroy.
4. At any time you can talk or write to a Social Worker or the Police.

